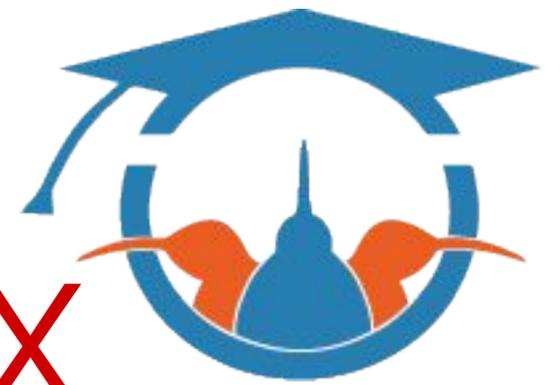


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Intro to Tidy Data and OpenRefine

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- We uphold kaitiakitanga: we recognise our responsibilities as kaitiaki (guardians) to protect and respect our environment, traditions, knowledge, culture, languages and other taonga.

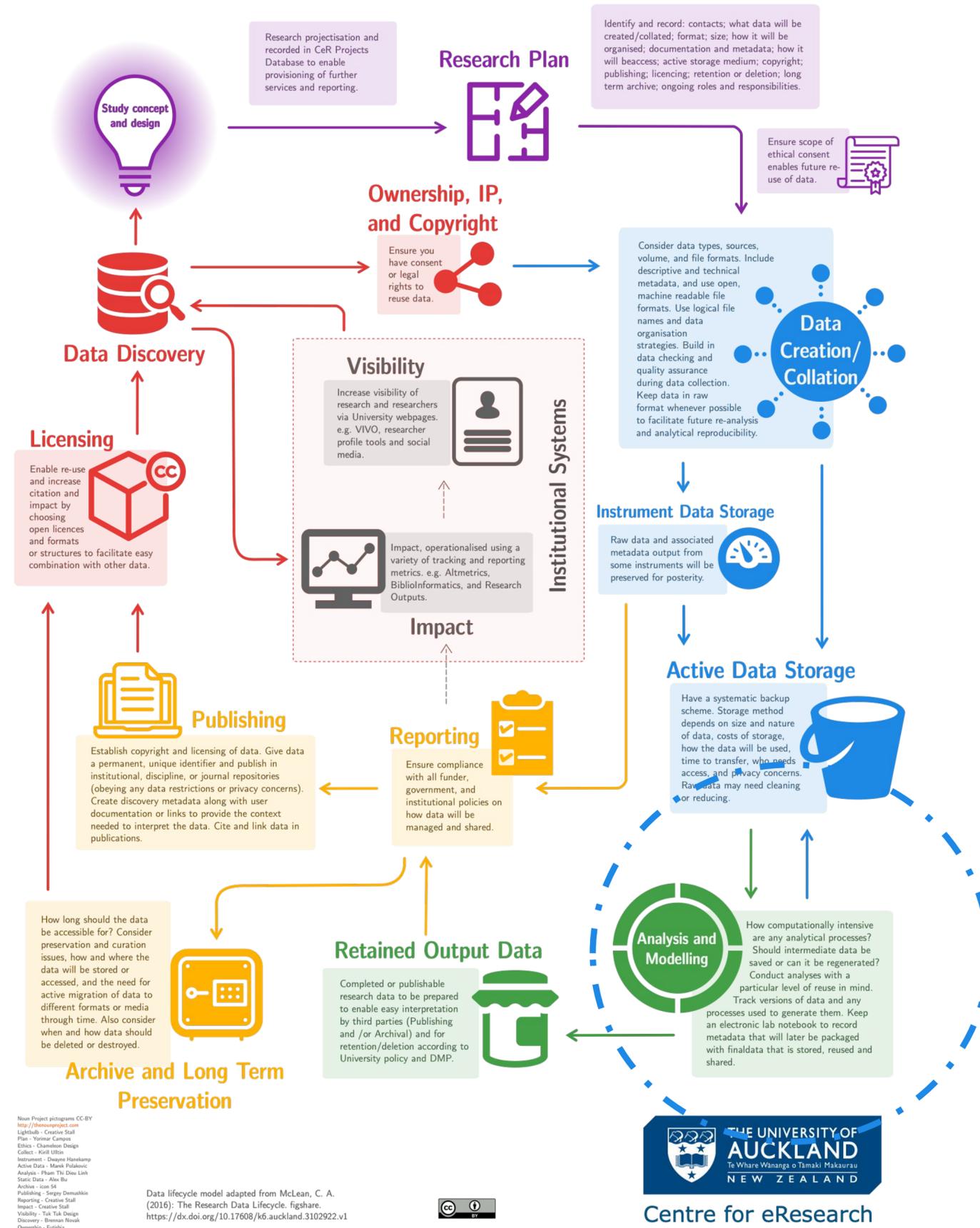
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Outline



1. Overview of Tidy Data
2. Dataset example
3. Tidying Data on OpenRefine

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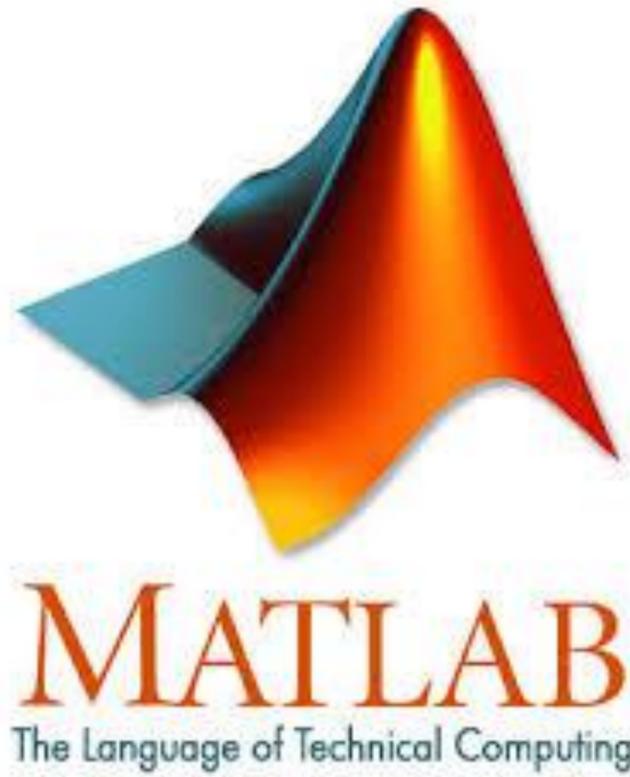


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Data lifecycle model adapted from McLean, C. A. (2016): The Research Data Lifecycle. figshare. <https://dx.doi.org/10.17608/k6.auckland.3102922.v1>



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The dream

```
# (ideal) data analysis process
raw_data = GET(data)
proc_data = PROCESS(raw_data)
SUMMARY(proc_data)
PLOT(proc_data)
model = FIT_MODEL(proc_data)
prediction = PREDICT(model)
PRINT(prediction)
> "Woo-hoo! validated model =)"
```

The reality

```
# (real) data analysis process
raw_data = GET(data)
clean_data = CLEAN(data)
proc_data = PROCESS(clean_data)
while (QUALITY(proc_data) != "good") {
    clean_data = CLEAN(proc_data)
    proc_data = PROCESS(clean_data)
    # while loop may run indefinitely
}
SUMMARY(proc_data)
PLOT(proc_data)
model = FIT_MODEL(proc_data)
prediction = PREDICT(model)
PRINT(prediction)
> "Ooops! model sucks =(
```

Tidy Data Principles

- always keep a copy of the raw data
- have a separate copy which is your tidy dataset
- keep metadata record (codebook, readme.txt)
- keep a record of your 'recipe' (exact steps taken) to get from raw to tidy data

Reading:: Hadley Wickham, Tidy Data, Vol. 59, Issue 10, Sep 2014, Journal of Statistical

Software. <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v59/i10>.

Tidy Data Tips

- 1 piece of information per cell
- 1 variable 1 column
- 1 observation 1 row

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Exercise: Tidy me up

Two field assistants conducted the surveys, one in 2013 and one in 2014, and they both kept track of the data in their own way.

Let's have a look at the data

(survey_data_spreadsheet_messy.xls) in a spreadsheet program.

In the chat note anything you think makes this dataset NOT TIDY

<https://ndownloader.figshare.com/files/7823341>

Tidy Data Tips

- 1 piece of information per cell
- 1 variable 1 column
- 1 observation 1 row
- 1st row = variable names
- human readable names
- 1 table or file for each kind of variable
- use text-based format to save (e.g. .csv).
- multiple sheets use a README.txt file

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Issues

- Using multiple tables
- Using multiple tabs
- Not filling in zeros
- Using problematic null values
- Using formatting to convey information
- Using formatting to make the data sheet look pretty
- Placing comments or units in cells
- Entering more than one piece of information in a cell
- Using problematic field names
- Using special characters in data
- Inclusion of metadata in data table
- Date formatting



Useful Resources

<http://openrefine.org> - great introductory videos

[Google Group](#) - good for beginner questions and problems.

[OpenRefine Google Plus community](#) - help

[OpenRefine ecology data](#) - Data Carpentry OpenRefine tutorials

[OpenRefine for Social Science data](#)

[Cleaning Data with OpenRefine Van Hooland, Verborgh & De Wilde](#)

Typical workflow

- Open OpenRefine (if it doesn't start automatically in your browser go to <http://127.0.0.1:3333/>)
- Import the dataset – CSV, tab – file, URL
- Explore data using 'facets' and 'filters'
- Use cluster analysis to make consistent
- Rearrange, split, sort
- Repeat
- Export dataset

Installing OpenRefine

1. OpenRefine website: <http://openrefine.org/>
2. Download section.
3. Choose the appropriate download for your operating system (Windows, Mac or Linux).
4. Follow the installation procedures

Tips

- I need more memory <https://github.com/OpenRefine/OpenRefine/wiki/FAQ-Allocate-More-Memory>
- Backup OpenRefine data <https://github.com/OpenRefine/OpenRefine/wiki/Back-Up-OpenRefine-Data>

Faceting

- Grouping a dataset based on 1+ parameters, properties, fields, columns
- Like tagging
- then explore just those records at the intersection of the facets
- A “species symbol” facet, for instance, would group all records that have the same species name
- Possible to facet on text, number ranges, pairs of numbers, etc.

More information: <https://github.com/OpenRefine/OpenRefine/wiki/Faceting>

Clustering

- Often faceting will reveal inconsistencies in the data
- Cluster analysis attempts to form clusters of data based on certain algorithms
- OpenRefine allows you try a variety of clustering methods
- These are quite good at revealing inconsistencies, e.g.:Kriesler vs Chrysler

More information:

<https://github.com/OpenRefine/OpenRefine/wiki/Clustering-In-Depth>

Start the programme by double clicking the icon

Let's try it

Regular expressions (regex) using GREL

- regex = codes used for matching patterns. Often there is more than one way to compose a regex pattern-match
- GREL General Refine Expression Language
- much of Refine's extensible and advanced power comes from regular expressions.
- Useful [handout on regex](#) and [cheat-sheet](#).

Download data from a URL (API)

- fetch JSON from any web service (databases, registries, mapping services, etc.) based on values in a OpenRefine project
- Open Refine makes it relatively straightforward to call into an API, receive a response, and supplement your dataset with a portion of it.
- two step process - get data then parse data

More information:

<https://github.com/OpenRefine/OpenRefine/wiki/Fetching-URLs-From-Web-Services>

FAQs for problems

- Sometimes using a browser other than Firefox, OpenRefine does not automatically open. Point your browser at `http://127.0.0.1:3333/` or `http://localhost:3333` to launch the program.
- Issues getting OpenRefine to run on Windows. Install Java (JDK + JRE) and add “JAVA_HOME” and “JDK_HOME” to the environment. This thread includes steps to diagnose possible issues, and links on how to set up environment variables.
- Mac users with the newest operating system MAY have to allow this to run by “allowing everything” to run. They can change the setting back after the exercise OR right click and select open.

More resources

- [OpenRefine web site](#)
- [OpenRefine Documentation for Users \(Wiki site\)](#)
- [Using OpenRefine](#) book by Ruben Verborgh, Max De Wilde and Aniket Sawant
- [Grateful Data](#) is a fun site with many resources devoted to OpenRefine, including a nice tutorial.
- [Margaret Heller](#) shows how she uses OpenRefine for [Measuring and Counting Impact in Repositories](#).
- [Intersect Course Resources](#) has Jared Berghold's [Cleaning & Exploring your data with Open Refine](#).

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